

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2281 without my signature.

AB 2281 would relocate the Rural Health Policy Council (RHPC) to the California Health and Human Services Agency and make technical changes to the law related to the RHPC.

While the proposal to relocate the RHPC from the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development may have merit, these changes can be made administratively.

Furthermore, the report on the reorganization of state government by the California Performance Review (CPR) recommended the elimination of the RHPC. If after review and vetting of the CPR's recommendations the work of the RHPC is deemed to be vital to the rural healthcare constituents of California, then the decision will be made of whether it should be relocated.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger